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Oliver is an experienced barrister with a busy practice in family and civil law.

The focus of Oliver's family practice is on the law relating to children, in particular care proceedings. The focus of his civil work is on personal injury, clinical negligence and CICA claims.

Oliver's practice in personal injury and clinical negligence law has provided him with a distinct advantage in the many family cases that concern complex medical issues. Similarly his experience in public law children's cases gives him an invaluable insight into civil claims that involve the abuse of children and the involvement of Social Services.

He has a burgeoning practice in Court of Protection work in matters relating to both welfare and financial affairs.

As an advocate, Oliver has the benefit of drawing on a common law background, which has given him exposure to a wide variety of tribunals, including jury trials. Oliver is qualified to accept Direct Access instructions.

Areas of Expertise

Family Law

The focus of Oliver's family practice is on public law proceedings in which he represents local authorities, parents, extended family members, prospective adopters and children via their guardians. He is regularly instructed in complex cases concerning serious non-accidental injury, sexual abuse and complex mental health issues. Oliver is used to dealing with international issues concerning jurisdiction and placements abroad.

Oliver is also regularly instructed in private law disputes, in particular where there are allegations of serious physical or sexual abuse, cases involving intractable hostility and where the children are separately represented.

Notable Family Law cases

A Local Authority v C (2020)

Oliver was junior counsel for the Local Authority in this High Court case that involved the death of a child. Oliver and his leader succeeded in obtaining findings that the mother's boyfriend caused the child's death. See C (A Child) [2020] EWCA Civ 987.

A Local Authority v A (2020)

This High Court case concerned a mother's refusal to consent to life-saving medical treatment for her son, who suffered from Sickle Cell Disease. The case involved a complex issue as to whether the treatment recommended by doctors at the treating hospital was in the child's interests. Oliver succeeded in obtaining the orders sought by his client to protect the child.

A Local Authority v X (2019)

Oliver acted as Special Advocate for a parent in a closed hearing in the High Court in relation to whether his client should receive highly confidential and sensitive material.

Personal Injury

Oliver has a predominantly Claimant-based personal injury practice which encompasses a wide variety of claims concerning employers' liability, industrial disease, road traffic accidents, accidents abroad, public liability, fatal accidents and MIB claims.

Oliver's other work includes coroner's inquests and hearings before the First Tier Tribunal (Criminal Injuries Compensation).

Oliver has considerable experience of costs issues in relation to personal injury claims, including detailed assessment hearings and costs budgeting.

Oliver was a contributing author to the APIL Guide to RTA Liability (first and second editions, published by Jordans, edited by Andrew Ritchie QC).

Clinical Negligence

Oliver has a busy clinical negligence practice. He has experience across a wide range of cases, including surgical negligence; cases involving systemic failures in hospital; negligent failure to diagnose and/or prescribe the correct medication; cases involving negligent cosmetic surgery; dentists' negligence; GPs' negligence; failure of nursing care and other ancillary medical services; failure to obtain informed consent.

He regularly appears in the coroner's court; the majority of his coronial work relates to deaths in hospital arising from clinical negligence. Oliver was a contributing author to *Clinical Negligence Claims: a Practical Guide* (first, second and third editions, published by 9 Gough Chambers, edited by Graham Aldous QC).

Education

- BA (Hons), Modern Languages, Oxford University
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law, College of Law

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Action Against Medical Accidents

Appointments

- Recorder of the Family Court

Awards

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